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BLM Socorro Plans to Treat Several Areas with Fire in Late February and Early March

Socorro—The Socorro Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management is planning to light the following prescribed burns near Quemado, Magdalena, and/or Pie Town (weather permitting) during the next few weeks of February and March.

The McBroom prescribed burn is located 6 miles west of Quemado, NM, south of Highway 60. The plan is to blackline the perimeter in preparation for burning later this spring. If desired results are achieved during blacklining, then ignition of the entire 1,000 acres will be done in conjunction with the blacklining operation. During the burn, fire crews may be seen working adjacent to the highway and smoke from the burn may cause some brief periods of reduced visibility for motorists. Motorists on Highway 60 are asked to slow down and exercise caution when driving through the area to help protect firefighters and other drivers.

The Magdalena prescribed burn is designed to eliminate 50 acres of thinning slash located approximately 4 miles west of Magdalena, north of Highway 60 off County Road 10. Smoke from this burn is not expected to impact Highway 60, but variations in wind direction may result in brief periods of reduced visibility due to smoke. During the burn, motorists on Highway 60 are advised to use caution when driving through the area.

The Highway prescribed burn is located 10 miles west of Quemado, north of Highway 60. Heavier concentrations of fuel will be burned along the north, east, and west edges of this 2,000 acre burn area to prepare the area for burning later this spring / summer.

The Pie Town Unit 3 prescribed burn is located immediately west of Pie Town, and south of Highway 60. This burn is planned to eliminate slash from a thinning project completed in June 2004. Smoke from this burn may impact residents in Pie Town, as well as motorists on Highway 60.

Ignition of these burns is totally dependent on favorable weather conditions and will be postponed if ideal weather conditions don't permit it. For any questions, comments or concerns please feel free to call the Socorro BLM Field Office at 505-835-0412.

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